

Mt. Beautiful



Chasm through vineyards



Consulting Winemaker, Alastair Maling MW



Winemaker, Frank Manifold

Key Facts

Year Established

2003

Hectares

85

Grapes grown

Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc

Certifications

Sustainable Winegrowing NZ and Toitū Net Carbon Zero

Condor Portfolio

5 wines

Producer

Mt. Beautiful was born from David Teece's vision to discover an untouched New Zealand wine region rich in character and potential. After two years of research, he found it in North Canterbury—a rugged landscape framed by the Southern Alps, Seaward Kaikoura Range, and Pacific Ocean. Once part of the historic 1856 “Cheviot Estate”, the land boasted 23 distinct soil types and numerous microclimates. It was planted to vine between 2003-2005. Resting under its namesake, Mt. Beautiful, the winery's vineyards are set on two undulating plateaus that benefit from limestone-rich Phoebe soils and the moderating temperature influence of the Waiau River. Nearly 30 carefully chosen clones—including over 10 of Pinot Noir—allow the team to craft elegant, balanced wines that express a true sense of place. Certified-sustainable and entirely estate-grown, Mt. Beautiful's wines showcase restrained aromatics and pure regional character—distinct from Marlborough, yet unmistakably New Zealand. The result: a pioneering estate embodying the wild beauty and spirit of North Canterbury.

Winemaker

Mt Beautiful's winemaking is led by Alastair Maling MW and Frank Manifold, who bring complementary backgrounds and a shared commitment to expressing the character of North Canterbury. Raised on his family farm in Hawke's Bay, Alastair is one of only 419 Masters of Wine globally and holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Oenology and Viticulture with distinction from Lincoln University. After eight years as a flying winemaker across Europe, South America and South Africa, he returned to New Zealand to lead winemaking at Villa Maria and Foley Wines before joining Mt Beautiful in 2021. Alongside him, Frank — who grew up among the vineyards of Marlborough — brings both viticultural roots and a Postgraduate Diploma in Oenology, strengthened by international vintages in Germany, the USA and Australia. Together, they craft wines with precision, balance and a strong sense of place, combining technical expertise with a deep respect for the region's distinctive terroir and sustainable future.

Location

North Canterbury, New Zealand



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Cheviot, North Canterbury